



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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OPEN SESSION

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
1105 TERMINAL WAY, SUITE 301
RENO, NEVADA 89502

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

**MEMBER PRESENT
AT BOARD OFFICE:**

Cheryl A. Hug-English, M.D., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT
BY TELEPHONE:**

Jaculine C. Jones, Ed.D., Vice President
Paul A. Stewart, M.D.
Marlene J. Kirch
Sohail U. Anjum, M.D.
Stephen K. Montoya, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joel N. Lubritz, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer *
Robin L. Titus, M.D. *
Donald H. Baepler, Ph.D., D.Sc. *

* As members of the Investigative Committee, did not participate in this meeting.

**STAFF PRESENT:
AT BOARD OFFICE:**

Larry D. Lessly, J.D., Executive Director/Special Counsel
Maureen E. Lyons, Deputy Executive Director
Richard J. Legarza, J.D., General Counsel
Douglas C. Cooper, Investigator
Pamela J. Castagnola, Investigator
Lynnette L. Krotke, Administrative Investigator

**OTHERS PRESENT
BY TELEPHONE:**

F. Victor Rueckl, M.D., Medical Director, Nevada Health
Professionals Assistance Foundation

AGENDA ITEM 1

Call to Order - Cheryl A. Hug-English, M.D., President

The AT&T telephone conference call operator took roll call and the meeting was called to order by the board's President, Cheryl A. Hug-English, M.D., at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Consideration of Complaint Requesting Emergency Action on Curtis B. De Friez, M.D. for Determination as to Whether or Not the Public Health, Safety, and Welfare Require that His License to Practice Medicine in the State of Nevada be Suspended Pending a Formal Hearing

Mr. Legarza stated that based on the Investigative Committee's allegations against Curtis B. De Friez, M.D., under NRS 233B.127(3) sufficient evidence exists to justify and allow a meeting to be held without the mandatory three-day notice.

Mr. Legarza reviewed the Complaint filed by the Investigative Committee and the proposed Order of Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine in the State of Nevada against Curtis B. De Friez, M.D., in which he is alleged to have practiced medicine while under the influence of controlled substances, which alleged conduct is detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of Nevada's citizens.

Dr. Rueckl gave a brief background of Dr. De Friez's history of impairment and his refusal to cooperate with the Diversion Program. He advised that Dr. De Friez has been away to treatment programs on four separate occasions in the past, and the Diversion Program does not advocate for him to continue the practice of medicine at this time.

Dr. Stewart moved that the board find that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Nevada imperatively require emergency action and to summarily suspend the license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada of Curtis B. De Friez, M.D. pending a hearing of the matter. Dr. Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, with the Chair voting in favor of the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Matters for Future Agenda

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hug-English adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.